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Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak & respected members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Marissa Heglin. As a student studying to become a professional interior designer at the University of New Haven, I am here in support of SB 5307 in order to enhance my professional career. As a senior looking for a job after graduation I have put high importance on living and working in a state that has passed legislation recognizing Interior Designers as professionals. It is extremely important to me to get a job in a state that recognizes all of the effort I have put into getting my education and, that after I pass the NCIDQ will also recognize me as professional Registered Interior Designer entering the work force in this State.

To become a *Professional* Interior Designer it requires a four year university degreed education, two years of verifiable work experience and the subsequent passing of the NCIDQ exam. As a young and emerging Interior Designer, this is the path I have chosen and is the minimum standard for me to become a Registered Interior Designer in the State of Connecticut.

Being able to utilize my Interior Designer registration number will differentiate me from those that do not have the education or minimum qualifications and assures me a competitive edge for employment within the State. It also opens access for me to work independently to develop new business opportunities and advance my career through professional partnership opportunities in the state.

I ask the General Law Committee to approve this bill to assure the educational value and skill set for all Interior design students who are entering the profession of Interior Design.

Sincerely,

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